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RESPONSE

Sir:

In Response to the Office Action dated August 20th, 2002, the Applicant's wish to amend the claims in the following manner.

IN THE CLAIMS

Amend claim 8, 9, 11, 12 and 14 to read as follows:

8. (amended) A method of metering ink from a supply roller of a printing press including the steps of: metering of a flow of said ink onto said supply roller by application of a primary metering device to produce a primary flow, metering of said primary flow transferred by said supply roller by application of a secondary metering device to produce a secondary flow on said roller, directing a difference between said primary flow and said secondary flow from a surface of said supply roller to produce a tertiary flow as an output.

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